

## Claims

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A personal load bearing device comprising:
  - a. a vertical member comprising a convexly curved medial face;
  - b. a cargo support member attached to the vertical member at an upward angle and extending generally horizontally away therefrom the vertical member, such that the intersection of one line bisecting the long axis of the vertical member and another line bisecting the long axis of the cargo support member forms an acute angle at the superior lateral corner of the intersection of these lines to form a upper concavely curved surface extending from the vertical member to the cargo support member and terminating at a lip on the distal end thereof, the cargo support member and vertical member being integrally formed; the upper surface of the cargo support member is located generally below the uppermost superior aspect of the vertical member, wherein a guard is formed above the intersection of the vertical member and the cargo support member; and;
  - c. means for coupling the device with a belt.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A personal load bearing device as in claim 1

wherein:

- a. the means for coupling the device with a belt is an oblong cavity defined by the upper aspect of the device body between the media land lateral faces.
3. (ORIGINAL) A personal load bearing device as in claim 1 wherein:
  - a. the means for coupling the device with a belt is a clip.
4. (CANCELLED)
5. (ORIGINAL) A personal load bearing device as in claim 2:

a. wherein the oblong cavity extends substantially above the level of the cargo support surface.

6. (ORIGINAL) A personal load bearing device as in claim 4 further comprising:

a. a lip on the distal end of the cargo support member.

7. (NEW) A personal load bearing device as in Claim 1 wherein the vertical member forms a lower concavely curved surface extending from the lip and terminating at the lowermost inferior aspect of the vertical member.

8. (NEW) A personal load bearing device as in Claim 7 wherein the convexly curved medial face of the vertical member terminates at the lowermost inferior aspect thereof and curves toward the lower concavely curved surface to form a ledge therebetween.